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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR RH ZA

SUBJ: ZAPU REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: LUSAKA 0906 AND 756

1. AS REFTELS INDICATE, WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED TWO REQUESTS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM ZAPU OFFICIALS: THE FIRST TO THE AMBASSADOR FROM JOSHUA NKOMO, AND THE SECOND FROM EDWARD NDLOVU TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND VISITING RHODESIAN DESK OFFICER. AT ONE OF THE RECEPTIONS FOR PODGORNYY, NKOMO MENTIONED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM SOON. WHILE THIS MAY HAVE BEEN POLITENESS, WE HAVE NO DOUBT HE WILL PRESS US FURTHER FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST, CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICULARLY AS THE CAMPS GROW IN SIZE AND CONDITIONS WITHIN THEM DETERIORATE. INDICATIONS THAT OTHER WESTERN NATIONS SUCH AS THE DUTCH, WEST GERMANS, ITALIANS, SWEDES AND PERHAPS EVEN THE BRITISH MAY GIVE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO NATIONALISTS WILL INCREASE PRESSURE ON US. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES:  
(A) SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR ZIMBABWEAN SCHOOL

CHILDREN TOO YOUNG FOR MILITARY SERVICE. MANY OF THE NATIONALISTS NOW LEAVING RHODESIA ARE APPARENTLY AGE 9 TO 15 IN OBVIOUS NEED OF FURTHER SCHOOLING. ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE RENDERED TO THE ZAMBIAN GOVT. IN ORDER TO EXPAND ITS EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES INDEPENDENT OF THEIR NATIONALIST AFFILIATION. THE US IS NOW ENGAGED IN SUCH A PROGRAM WITH THE NKUMBI SCHOOL WHERE \$200,000 WAS RECENTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE UNHRC FOR PAYMENT OF REFUGEE TUITION. FROM THE EMBASSY'S POINT OF VIEW, DIRECT PAYMENT TO THE GRZ WOULD BE PREFERABLE BY ANY ARRANGEMENT IS WORTH CONSIDERING.

(B) FOOD FOR PEACE. THE PL-480 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ZAMBIA MIGHT BE INCREASED SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ALL CAMPS.

(C) FOOD, MEDICINE AND CLOTHING. A SPECIAL GRANT TO THE GRZ MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ASSIST WITH HUMANITARIAN AID FOR ZIMBABWEANS (OR ALL SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES TO PERMIT ASSISTANCE FOR SWAPO GROUPS). ALTERNATIVELY THIS COULD BE ADDED TO REFUGEE ASSISTANCE BEING GIVEN THE UNHRC.

2. BELIEVE PROBLEM IN ZAMBIA IS GOING TO GROW REAPIDLY. IT IS COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT SOUTHERN AFRICANS HERE ARE IN CONTROLLED NATIONALIST CAMPS WHICH MAY BE ENGAGED IN MILITARY TRAINING. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN REFUGEE AND NATIONALIST CAMPS BECOMES HAZY, HOWEVER, WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE PRESENCE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS WELL AS THE DOUBTFUL LOYALTY OF EVERYONE IN THE CAMP TO ITS NATIONALIST LEADERSHIP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO NKOMO SOON THAT MATTER IS BEING STUDIED.  
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IT PRESENTS DIFFICULTIES BUT WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO PROBLEM WHICH EXISTS. GUIDANCE REQUESTED.  
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